

Cascade Ranger District Boise National Forest

This trail passes through lodgepole pine forests and meadows carpeted with spring wildflowers, and offers views of the Johnson Creek valley and the mountains to the west. The trail passes through several meadows that are marshy in the early spring.

There are areas of large rocks embedded in one steep section of the trail.

LOCATION- This trail can be accessed from two different points.

ACCESS #1- From Cascade, Idaho, travel one mile north on State Highway 55 to the intersection with Forest Service Highway 22 (Warm Lake Highway). Turn right and travel approximately 20 miles to the North Shore Lodge turnoff - where Forest Highway 22 becomes Forest Service (FS) road 579. Continue east on FS road 579 to FS road 413 and turn right. Travel on FS road 413 for about 2.5 miles and look for a trail designation sign on the east side of the road.

ACCESS #2- Travel one mile north on Highway 55 from Cascade, Idaho, to the intersection with the Forest Service Highway 22 (Warm Lake Highway). Turn right and go about 20 miles to the North Shore Lodge turnoff - where Forest Service Highway 22 becomes Forest Service (FS) road 579. Continue east on FS road 579 about 12 miles, where the paved road changes to gravel. Continue east about a mile to the intersection of FS road 447 and FS road 414. Go south on FS road 414 (which becomes FS road 414C) for about 7 miles. The blazed but unsigned trailhead is located on the west side of FS road 414C near a metal culvert.





TRAIL DISTANCE- The trail is a 4.5 mile hike with relatively light use throughout the year.

ELEVATION- From Access #1, the trailhead is located at 6320 ft. in elevation. The end of the trail, at Access #2 is at 6720 ft. The trail is a slight, gradual climb within the 400 ft. elevation change.

SEASON- This trail is normally free of snow from late June to early October.

EQUIPMENT- Good Boots are essential. This trail may, during certain times of the year, cross active creeks and may require water-resistant footwear. Raingear, warm clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent are advisable.

A map and compass are recommended for all cross-country travel.

MAPS AND GUIDEBOOKS- A variety of guidebooks are available at the Cascade Ranger District Office. Boise National Forest Visitor Maps are also available.

USGS MAPS- Warm Lake, Log Mountain

WATER- Carry a day's supply of safe water. Giardia is a serious problem. Use a filter or boil all water for three minutes to prevent Giardia. It is recommended that one-gallon of water per person, per day be available. Many of the creeks in the area may be dry by mid-summer.

LEARN TO CAMP WITHOUT a TRACE

Every visitor shares the responsibility to keep the forest unspoiled and beautiful. Remember to "take only pictures, leave only footprints" and pack out what you pack in. For information on minimum impact camping, contact the Cascade Ranger District.

POPULAR FOREST DESTINATIONS-

Due to the traditional popularity of these backcountry trips, you can expect to meet other hikers, stock users and mountain bikers, at your destination, especially during the weekend periods.

FIRE - Wildfire is always a concern. Never leave a campfire unattended. Campfires should be well contained and extinguished properly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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